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April 1, 2004

Read OPSG 5/10/04 SR

Robert E. Roberts, Administrator **USEPA**, Region 8 999 18th Street, Suite 300 Denver, CO 80202-2466

Dear Mr. Roberts:

Montana is rescinding the letter dated April 30, 2003, confirming the state's previous list of designated geographic areas for ozone. By this action, I confirm that Montana continues to be considered Unclassifiable/Attainment for ozone.

As part of this action, Montana is redefining Part 81.327 geographic area identifications for both 8-hour and 1-hour ozone from areas defined by county boundaries to areas identified by 10,000 meter grid (Grid) intervals using the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) spatial referencing system (Attachment 1). Montana understands EPA has until April 15, 2004, to promulgate designations for the 8-hour ozone standard.

Additionally, Montana is redefining Part 81.327 geographic area identifications for carbon monoxide (CO) from areas defined by county boundaries to areas identified by UTM Grids (Attachment 1).

If you have any questions concerning this action, please call Debra Wolfe at (406) 444-7916.

Sincerely,

Governor

Attachment

Jan Sensibaugh, Director, DEQ

Steve Welch, Administrator, Permitting and Compliance Division

Don Vidrine, Chief, Air Resources Management Bureau

Deb Wolfe, Air Resources Management Bureau

Mike Leavitt, Administrator, EPA

Libby County Commissioners

ATTACHMENT 1

REVISION TO 40 CFR PART 81.327
DESIGNATION OF AREAS FOR AIR QUALITY PLANNING PURPOSES

§81.327 Montana.

Montana – Ozone (1-Hour Standard)

Designated Area	Designation		Classification	
	Date	Туре	Date	Туре
(Identified areas designated as "Unclassifiable/ Attainment" to be deleted).				
Remainder of state defined by discrete areas at 10,000 meter grid intervals as defined by the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) coordinate system with the exception of any grid area coordinate, or portion thereof, contained in any nonattainment area, Indian reservation, adjacent state, or nation.		Unclassifiable/ Attainment		

Montana – Ozone (8-Hour Standard)

Designated Area	Designation		Classification	
	Date	Type	Date	Туре
(Identified areas designated as "Unclassifiable/ Attainment" to be deleted).				
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